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1. In response to the "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" dated 8/14/2009, and the Appellant's Reply Brief filed 3/5/2009, the Reply Brief has been NOTED and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Since no further response by the appellant is deemed necessary, the application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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